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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-11 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-11 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- 1) ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - 2) ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 - 3) ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: ____.

DETAILED ACTION

The preliminary amendment filed 2/20/01 has not been entered. Most of the requested changes refer to portions of the claims inconsistent with the originally filed claims.

Claim Objections

1. Claims 1-11 are objected to because of the following informalities:
 - Claims 1-11, the claims are written with poor grammar/translation and require corrections for clarity and ease of understanding.
 - Claim 3 line 1, "an" should be deleted.

Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

2. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

3. Claims 1-7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.
 - Claim 1 lines 6-7, 9, the "such as" and "etc." language renders the claim scope unclear. It cannot be determined if the "such as" items are positive limitations and further what might be encompassed by the "etc." language.

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- Claims 3, 4, there is no clear antecedent basis for the menu bar, tool bar, location bar and logo.
- Claim 6, it is unclear to what "specific portion" is referring, rendering the claim scope unclear.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

4. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

5. Claims 1, 3, 4, 6-8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Burke (US6302162) in view of Harding (US6307544). Burke teaches a client application that communicates with the Internet as a web browser [5:64-67, 7:33-38]. The user interface includes a web page display area 530 (text box) and screen areas 540 and 550 located above and below the text/web content box 530 [fig 4]. Burke teaches that the screen areas 540 and 550 are used for displaying advertisements and for displaying menu icons as a GUI to the browser software functions, such as those functions available within Netscape or IE [8:26-34]. While Burke teaches ads and menus in these screen regions, Burke does not teach dynamic display of them based upon the user's mousing properties. Harding teaches a GUI for a software application whereby when a user's mouse hovers over a particular area of the interface, clickable, cascading menus appear in order to launch other applications or applets (i.e. program

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functionality) from them [3:10-21, 55-67, 4:1-5]. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill at the time of the invention to have provided the advertising of Burke in the suggested screen areas and dynamically changed such screen regions to popup menus for further browser functionality when a user hovers the mouse in the area in order to provide an easy to use graphical user interface. Regarding claim 4, Burke teaches that the features may be provided by a stand alone application or by functionalities built into the web browser. Regarding claim 7, neither base claim 3 or 4 require the ad to appear in the logo area and claim 7 further defining the logo area still does not require the ads in that area. Nonetheless, applicant admits the prior art use of browser providers to include an area displaying a logo. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill at the time of the invention to have provided such advertising in any non web content (non text box) area, including the logo area in order to increase the visibility of the advertising.

6. Claims 5 and 9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Burke in view of Harding and Hoyle (US6628314). Burke does not appear to teach where the advertising comes from. Hoyle also teaches a browser application that includes a built-in advertising display area. The ads of Hoyle are periodically downloaded from an advertising server and then subsequently displayed in the ad area [19:1-4]. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill at the time of the invention to have downloaded ads to the client software of Burke periodically so that different, newer ads can be shown to the user.

7. Claims 2, 10, 11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Burke in view of Harding, Middleton, III et al (US6393407) and Krishan et al (US6442549). Middleton, III et al teaches that a web browser can track user interaction with the displayed advertising, such as by a timer or mouse hovering time. This timing data is then sent to the advertiser so that they may analyze the results and measure the ad impressions more effectively. Krishan et al teaches the idea of an advertiser helping to pay an Internet user's ISP charges based on consumption of their advertising while online. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill at the time of the invention to have timed the ad display/interaction, sent such data to the advertiser for ad consumption metrics and for payment to the user's ISP in order to keep Internet access fees low in exchange for viewing ads.

Conclusion

8. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

- Tarbox et al (6664987) teaches a GUI for a software package that includes transient displays when user mouses over certain areas [col 5].

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jeffrey D. Carlson whose telephone number is 703-308-

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3402. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri 8:30-6p, (off on alternate Fridays).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Eric Stamber can be reached on 703-305-8469. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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